- NGOs, members of civil society, social and cultural organizations, religious personalities & institutions need to play a positive role in conserving rivers.

National Adventure Award

*199. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to institute a National Adventure Award;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the steps, so far, taken to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) to (c) There is an existing Scheme of Government of India to give National Adventure Awards. The first Awards were given in 1994.

The National Adventure Awards (renamed as "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards") have been instituted as the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the filed of adventure on land, sea and air. A provision has also been made for a Lifetime Achievement Award to persons who, besides individual excellence, have devoted themselves to the cause of promotion of adventure.

The Awards comprise a bronze statue, a scroll of honour, a blazer with silken tie and a case award equivalent to an amount admissible to Arjuna Awardees (presently Rs. 3.00 lakhs).

NAIS for Kerala

*200. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Kerala Government requesting to include coconut, arecanut, rubber etc. under the coverage of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme;